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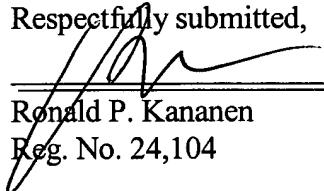Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, applicant through his attorneys and representatives, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

The references are cited in the International Search Report of applicant's corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/00938, a copy of which is enclosed.

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